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## New Rapid Diver Technology Helps Wylie Fire Ready for Busy Boating Season

Simulated Rescue Training in Lake Lavon May 27

WHAT: Seconds can mean the difference between life and death in a water rescue. As Memorial Day

weekend approaches, marking the start of boating season, Wylie Fire Rescue is training with its new cutting-edge water rescue gear. The Rapid Diver program, a state-of-the-art scuba system, enables divers to enter the water in 15 seconds, compared to at least 4 minutes with traditional gear. The innovative equipment is smaller and lighter, is more easily stored, and has many unique features firefighters will demonstrate as they perform a simulated rescue.

WFR is one of the only departments in Texas using the new system.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 27, 2016

10 am

**WHO:** Wylie firefighters

**WHERE:** Avalon Park – Lake Lavon

Skyview Drive Wylie, Texas 75098

About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2015, Money Magazine named Wylie the 25<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country.